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THE MINTMASTER'S QUILL: An Editor's Prerogative

My Friends:

In the Sixth Issue (July 1982) 'The Mintmaster's Quill', I expounded the benefits of coin club memberships. In that editorial, the reasons, and thus the advantages, for belonging and participating in a local coin club were articulated.

These benefits can be summarized as opportunities to deal and to bargain, increased knowledge, social, and lastly, fellowship. Few I am sure would argue with these benefits, nor offer any solid objection to or disadvantage of coin club membership.

My point in this editorial is to argue that a collector not just belong to one coin club, but to more than one coin club.

Being an active member of one coin club is desirable and commendable; however, belonging to more than one coin club, and attending and participating, increases substantially one's numismatic horizons.

The benefits given for being part of one coin club are multiplied significantly by being involved with one more coin club, and if possible, the benefits increased geometrically if one is involved in three or more coin clubs.

In my travels and contacts through the past few years, I have observed one negative facet of our hobby and its coin clubs, that is, a provincial attitude. Collectors and their coin clubs tend to be local, think local, act local, and stay local.

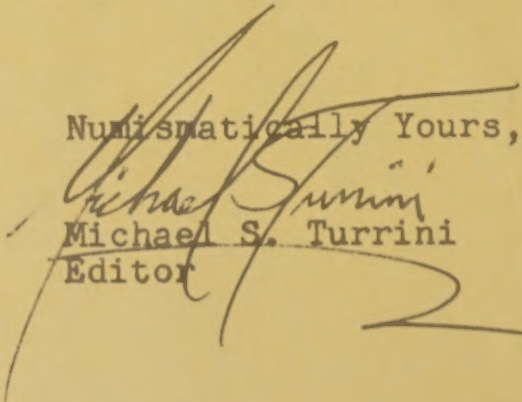
This restricting cuts measurably into one's numismatic horizons. For a matter of a few miles traveling and hours once or twice a month, a whole new world opens to opportunities to deal and to bargain, increased knowledge, social, and lastly, fellowship.

One does not or should not live in a vacuum, and most of us believe and practice such. Thus, why not apply such philosophy to one's hobby? If you belong and attend just one coin club, this equals, on the average, only twelve times a year; but, just one more coin club membership would double or triple that time.

Of course, I am aware that many NCNA Heads and Tales readers are active members of two or more coin clubs, but for those who are not, think about it. Think what your hobby and collections mean to you and the benefits of coin club membership. Then make use of NCNA's 'Coin Club List'.

Best Wishes and Thanks.

Numismatically Yours,


Michael S. Turrini
Editor

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Collectors For New Coins

Terence M. Kinder writes that he heads a new coin collectors group, namely the CFNC, 'Collectors for New Coins', which he states "is a numismatic organization dedicated to changing the United States' coin designs".

Mr. Kinder believes that the present coin designs "are not nearly as artistic as the Walking Liberty half dollar or the Mercury dime". He invites NCNA Heads and Tales readers sharing similar opinions to join the CFNC and will welcome inquiries about the CFNC.

The CFNC addresss is:

Collectors for New Coins
PO Box 486
Twisp, WN 98856

PCNS 800th Meeting Woods and Medals

The Pacific Coast Numismatic Society (PCNS) struck both silver and bronze commemorative medals and issued a wooden flat as souvenirs for the Society's historic 800th Meeting.

The silver medal is octagonal in shape and is .999 fine silver with a weight of 1.11 ounces; it is available at \$16.50 each postpaid. The bronze medal is also octagonal in shape; it is available at \$3.50 each postpaid. Both medals feature the PCNS logo on the obverse with the reverse containing an inscription pertaining to the 800th Meeting. The wooden flat is two-sided and printed in three colors; it is available at \$1.00 each plus SASE.

Orders are to be sent to: "Don T. Thrall, PCNS Treasurer, 610 Arlington, Berkeley, CA 94707". Please include remittance in full and correct return address with Zip Code.

Numismatic Literature

Cal Wilson, a numismatic literature dealer, recently completed his Third Mail Bid Sale.

This Third Mail Bid Sale was accompanied by a fine catalog offering and extensive variety of literature from around the world and for all numismatic interests.

Also included with the catalog was Volume I, Number 1 of Wilson's Numismatic Repository which offers provocative reading. Mr. Wilson's intent for this periodical "is not necessarily to present information of earth-shattering importance, but rather to have a little fun, and

GOLD MINER DIGGINGS: NCNA News and Happenings

1983 Membership Dues

Soon, NCNA Treasurer Ed Sins will be sending out notices for your 1983 NCNA dues. Dues remain at \$2.00 per year for Individual Membership and \$3.00 for Club Membership.

Upon receiving your notice, please promptly remit and return with, if necessary, your updated and current address and Zip Code for NCNA's records and mailing lists.

1983 Important NCNA Dates

The dates for the 1983 NCNA Board of Directors Meetings plus the 1983 22nd NCNA Show and Convention will be:

February 13, 1983
May 22, 1983
August 21, 1983
September 22, 23, 24, and 25, 1983
November 27, 1983

Both the Board Meetings and the Show and Convention will be at the Cathedral Hill Hotel, formerly called the Jar Tar Hotel, corner of Geary and Van Ness, San Francisco. Board Meetings begin at 1:30pm, and check at the Hotel's Registration Desk for room location. The annual September Show and Convention is a full four day affair and will include an Auction again this year by Ron Gillio's firm.

1982 Show and Convention Raffle Winners

Regretfully, all that this Editor has to report on the recent September 1982 Show and Convention are the winners in the Raffle:

First--\$10 Gold Eagle: Sam Rumph, Danville
Second--\$5 Gold Half Eagle: Maxine Hopperstad, Vallejo
Three Third--Silver Dollars: John Hitzenhammer, Richmond
Tomoya Kawakami, San Francisco
Mike Landworth, San Francisco

As this Issue goes to the printer, this Editor does not have a listing of the Show and Convention's exhibit winners, nor much else to report on NCNA's annual September event.

Miscellaneous

NCNA received an award from the American Numismatic Association (ANA) for its participation in the 1982 National Coin Week. As NCNA's ANA

Club Representative, O. L. Wallis received and accepted the Award, and the Certificate of Award will be placed in NCNA's archives.

Numismatic books may soon again be available and given to NCNA Club Members, as they have been in the past. A northern California Coin Club to participate in this NCNA Book Program must be a dues paying Club Member of NCNA.

1983 Officer Elections

The results of the 1983 Officer Election were announced during the recent September Show and Convention. Elected were:

Stuart Denton, President
Denis Hooker, First Vice-President
George Tyson, Second Vice-President
Elmer Benson, Secretary
Edward Sins, Treasurer

There were a total of thirty-five ballots casted, and these officers were installed by O. L. Wallis at the November 27, 1982 Board Meeting.

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perhaps create the medium for an open forum for the exchange of ideas, comments, opinions, etc., relating to the pursuit and enjoyment of numismatic literature".

Mr. Wilson states anyone desiring his periodical may receive it at no cost, although it may not be issued on a regular bases. Those desiring information on either Mr. Wilson's numismatic literature services or this periodical are invited to write to:

Cal Wilson Fine Numismatic Literature
38338 Glenmoor Drive
Fremont, CA 94536

Vallejo Woods

The Vallejo Numismatic Society has issued a commemorative wood this year for its 1983 11th Annual Vallejo Coin Show. This year's wood honors Admiral David G. Farragut of Civil War fame, who is remembered in Vallejo as the founder and first commandant of Mare Island Naval Shipyard, the oldest naval facility on the Pacific Coast.

The woods are available as a set of two for 50¢ plus 20¢ stamp. Write to: "Michael S. Turrini, VNS Treasurer, PO Box 4281, Vallejo, CA 94590". Please include remittance in full and correct return address with Zip Code.

BRANCH MINT REPORTS: Club Happenings

Have been receiving bulletins, newsletters, or new releases from these Coin Clubs:

Delta Coin Club
Diablo Numismatic Society
Vallejo Numismatic Society
Pacific Coast Numismatic Society
Cupertino Coin Club
Napa Valley Coin Club
Peninsula Coin Club
Redwood Empire Coin Club
San Francisco Coin Club
Fremont Coin Club
Fairfield Coin Club
San Jose Coin Club
Gateway Coin Club
Liberty Numismatic Society
Sacramento Valley Coin Club

Delta Coin Club Had SYN KASS give a short talk about California and local Stockton History at its September 10th meeting. The November 26th meeting had a slide program on Hobo Nickels. The big event in recent months for the DCC was its annual two day Coin Show last November 20th and 21st which had over six hundred people attending. Exhibit winners at this Show were: SYD KASS, HOWARD HUGHES, JUNE WILSON, BRIAN TOHER, and ANNA LEE, and DCC'S lady President KATHY HIRNING won the Walter Gerth Memorial Award. January 9, 1983 is the date for the DCC's Annual Installation Dinner and Banquet. Those who sold thirty or more Coin Show raffle tickets will have a free dinner at this Banquet--not a bad idea for other Coin Clubs.

Diablo Numismatic Society In advance of its annual December Coin Show had O. L. WALLIS speaking on Exhibiting at its November 18th meeting. The DNS' annual Coin Show was on December 6th. This Editor visited this Coin Show and was quite impressed with the location for the Coin Show and the quality of the exhibits. Those NCNA Heads and Tales readers who did not attend this 20th Annual DNS Coin Show missed a excellent display of quality exhibits by DAVID LANGE (Best of Show), SAM RUMPH, HOWARD and BETH CHASNOFF, ALANA GARROP, HOWARD GIBBS, BILL HENRY, and JOAN and CHUCK LACKYARD. DENNIS DANIEL, DNS's hardworking President and Editor, won First Prize in the Coin Show's raffle, a \$5 Gold Half Eagle. BOB KEEGAN and KARL HEVER claimed at $\frac{1}{2}$ Krugerrand and 1/10 Krugerrand as Second and Third Prizes respectfully. DNS ended this year with its annual Christmas Bingo Pary on December 16th.

Vallejo Numismatic Society Had LARRY REPPETEAU of San Francisco speaking on Foreign Coin Grading at its September 1st meeting and GENE FEIERSTEIN of Napa talking on United States Coin Grading

 at its October 6th meeting. GARY COLBY presented 'Coins As Investment' at the November 3rd meeting, and DR. PAUL HOLTZMAN reviewed Mexican Coinage at the December 1st meeting. The VNS' big Holiday event was its annual Christmas Dinner and Party last December 10th. Over fifty people, members and guests, attended; some driving over fifty miles to enjoy a Friday evening of Bingo, a raffle with a half ounce of gold as the top prize, free Champagne, Pot-Luck Dinner with two turkeys and hams provided by the VNS, Door Prizes, and free table favors. The 11th Annual Vallejo Coin Show will be on May 1, 1983 at Dan Foley Cultural Center, Dan Foley Park, Tuolumne Street, Vallejo, hours 10:30am to 5:00pm. The one day Coin Show will feature thirty-five Bourse Dealers, films and forums, half-hour drawings for silver halves and dollars, Information Table, free woods to those attending, an all United States Gold Coin Raffle with a 1924P \$20 Double Eagle in BU condition as the First Prize, and exhibits. Interested exhibitors are invited to participate, contact: "Vallejo Numismatic Society, PO Box 4281, Vallejo, CA 94590".

Pacific Coast Numismatic Society Had ROBERT CHANDLER talking on Wells Fargo at its October 27th meeting. Wells Fargo through its nationally known History Room and Department has been a PCNS member since October 1946. The PCNS recently honored RUDY GJUROVICH as an 'Honorary Member' and CHARLES V. KAPPEN as a 'Fellow of the PCNS'. The big event these past few months for the PCNS was the historic November 14th 800th Meeting. This Society has an impressive history going back to 1915 and its founder, FARREN ZERBE.

Cupertino Coin Club Honored with Life Memberships at its September 3rd meeting three long-time and hard-working CCC members; they were: PHIL SOLOMON, WALLY WALLAKER, and BILL LEGG. CCC's Coin Press Editor AL LO stated, "The Cupertino Coin Club Board Members voted to bestow this honorary award to these three members for their enthusiastic help, tireless support, and unwavering leadership throughout the years. All three men have been past presidents of the club and join the select list of other Life Members". Other living CCC Life Members are: RAY ERKSON, RUDY GJUROVICH, FRANK NIELSEN, and KATHERINE RAY. The CCC recently had two outstanding speakers: ED FULWIDER at the November 5th meeting and CHARLES KAPPEN at the December 3rd meeting. Editor AL LO in the November Coin Press did a profile on current CCC husband and wife team of President BOB KEEGAN and Board Member LINDA DUO. This is a nice gesture which other local clubs should do in their newsletters or bulletins.

Napa Valley Coin Club Writes that its 19th Annual Coin Show will be Sunday, March 20, 1983 at the Town and Country Fairgrounds, 575 Third Street, Napa. Interested Bourse Dealers and exhibitors are invited to contact: "JOSEPHINE WELLS, 313 Tammy Way, Napa, CA 94558; 707-224-1438." Sad news has to be reported from the NVCC: the recent death on December 15th of one of its founders, past president, and dedicated supporter, HERB McCANN.

Peninsula Coin Club Has moved its Third Monday meeting location to the Meeting Room of Great Western Savings, corner of Main and Third Streets, Los Altos.

Redwood Empire Coin Club Held its annual Coin Show last November 21st which this Editor attended and was glad to meet and to talk with fellow coin hobbyists. The RECC recently voted a 33 1/3 % dues increase! The dues went from \$2.00 to \$3.00; the RECC's first increase in thirty-three years! Regretfully, this Editor was to have been the invited speaker at the November 10th RECC meeting, but since it was Parent Conference Night at his junior high school, he was unable to make it. His apologizes to the RECC.

San Francisco Coin Club Listen to two speakers recently: DR. PAUL HOLTZMAN on 'Birds on Coins' last October 27th and HANS HANSSON on the 'History of Swedish Coins' last November 23th. SFCC Junior Member DAVID ARIETTA at the September 28th meeting presented a talk and display of memorabilia and coins pertaining to the late President John F. Kennedy; DAVID was SFCC's 'Junior Numismatist for 1981'. The SFCC's last meeting for 1982 was on December 28th which was its annual 'Super Holiday Party'.

Fremont Coin Club IRIS ATKINSON had HAVANNA 'GRANDMA' McNEMAR in the October 1982 The Double Eagle 'Spotlight'. 'GRANDMA', as she is known affectionally among FCC members, is the Club's senior active member. Born in 1897, "she became interested in coins on a trip to Reno in 1939, when she and her husband decided to try their hand at the slot machines and gambling tables. She began saving Morgan and Peace Dollars which she had won, and then began collecting any and all old coins she could manage to put away" In addition, she is a distant cousin of Jesse James. The FCC 1983 officers were recently elected: GLENNA HAVERCROFT, President, MIKE SUTTON, First Vice-President, BOB SINGLETERRY, Second Vice-President, DIANA MILLER, Recording Scertary, ROGER LYLES, Corresponding Scertary, GLEN MAXWELL, Junior Vice-President, and DON EHLERS, Treasurer. These officers will be installed on January 8, 1983 at the Annual Installation Banquet held at the Fremont Inn.

Fairfield Coin Club Had Other Hobby Night at its September 22nd meeting with nine participants: FLOYD HICKS, N-Gauge Model Railroading and Collector Cards, GEORGE ETTER, Military Models, JOHN GREEN, Old Bottles, JEFF LEHFELDT, Stamps, RICH NEILY, Gem Stones, MICHAEL S. TURRINI, Automobile Memorabilia, AL RENN, Nazi Items, RON KELICHNER, Collector Buttons, and NORM NUNES, Puppets. A tour of the local Anheuser-Busch Brewery was the October 27th meeting which included two films and free beer. Long-time FCC member, NORM NUNES showed his own produced slides 'The Old San Francisco Mint' at the November 24th meeting, and the FCC ended 1982 with December 22nd meeting being rained out.

San Jose Coin Club Big event will be its three day, Friday thru Sunday, January 14, 15, and 16, 1983 15th Annual Coin Show at the

the San Jose Convention Center, Park and Market streets, San Jose. This year's Coin Show features an extensive and varied Educational Forum which has JAMES GLOVER, TIM ARCHER, ED SINS, TIMOTHY BELL, BILL LITT, BILL SCHWARTZ, and AL LO each scheduled to present some numismatic topic ranging from 'Types of Collecting' to 'Counterfeit Detection'. RON MILLER and ED SINS tied for First Place in the Adult Division and KEN BARR took Second Place in SHELDON WIRT'S Coin Stumpers II at the October 20th SJCC meeting, and MIKE GALLAGHER won First Place and TIM ARCHER took Second Place in the Junior Division. The November 17th meeting featured the slide presentation, 'Coins of the Bible', narrated by ED SINS.

Gateway Coin Club 1983 officers are: RICK MESSER, President, JOHN HOFMANN, Vice-President, SEAN MOFFATT, Secretary, and TROY THORESON, Treasurer. The Surprise Coin Quiz at the October 11th meeting was won by BRUCE FROHMAN. RON LUND told the story at the November 10th meeting of a local Merced man years ago finding old Spanish coins at Point Reyes Beach. The GCC's annual Christmas Banquet was at the King's Table in Atwater last December 16th.

Liberty Numismatic Society Reports that "'X' Numis Mania" refers to "exonumist" material. Thanks, JOAN CRUMMEY, LNS' Recording Secretary, for letting us know that. DAVE CIENIEWICZ spoke at the October 5th meeting on Canadian Trade Dollars.

Sacramento Valley Coin Club Will sponsor its First Annual Spring Coin Show on March 19 and 20, 1983 at the Beverly Garland Motor Lodge, Highway 80 and Exposition Boulevard, Sacramento. For further information, contact: "SVCC, PO Box 160122, Sacramento, CA 95816".

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San Jose Coin Club's 15th Annual Coin Show

As reported above in the 'Branch Mint Reports', the San Jose Coin Club will hold this January its 15th Annual Coin Show. NCNA Heads and Tales readers are strongly encouraged to attend this outstanding numismatic event.

The dates are January 14, 15, and 16, 1983 at the San Jose Convention Center, Park and Market streets, San Jose. Hours that this Show will be open to the public will be on Friday and Saturday from 10:00am to 8:00pm and on Sunday from 10:00am to 5:00pm.

A special feature of this Show will be 'Youth Day' on January 15th, Saturday. A separate area of the Show will be set up as an assembly line specially designed to entertain and to educate young coin collectors. Included for this program will be door prizes, displays, and numismatic information.

The Educational Forum mentioned above in the 'Branch Mint Reports', hourly door prizes, competitive exhibits, and a two hundred table bourse round out this three day Show.

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